Claims

[c1]   1. A system and method to transfer funds, in local currency, from voter's secure bank account to candidate's secure bank account, as instructed by said voter, for the purpose of registering a vote for said candidate by said voter in an election,

[c2]   [c1] 2. The system of claim 1 wherein said existing financial system hardware, software, keyboard, display, or printer is used to view, select, or record voter choices.

[c3]   [c1] 3. The system of claim 1 wherein said existing financial system software, hardware, and network is used to register a vote during a predefined time duration.

[c4]   [c1] 4. The system of claim 1 wherein said existing financial system software, hardware, and network is used to transport a programmable ballot image for use by said voter to register a vote.

[c5]   [c1] 5. The system of claim 1 wherein said existing financial system software, hardware, and network is used to display a programmable ballot image on a touch screen or display system used by said voter to register a vote.

[c6]   [c1] 6. The system of claim 1 wherein said existing financial system including automatic teller machine located at a bank, gas-station, grocery store, or other conveniently accessible location is

used to register a vote.

[c7]   [c1] 7. The system of claim 1 wherein said existing financial system includes using a personal computer to register a vote.

[c8]   [c1] 8. The system of claim 1 wherein said existing financial system hardware, regardless of local, is used to print a paper receipt that contains said voter's choices.

[c9]   [c1] 9. The system of claim 1 wherein said voter's electronic or paper bank account statement shows voter's past voting activity for the statement period.

[c10]   [c1] 10. The system of claim 1 wherein said candidate's electronic or paper bank account statement shows cumulative voter activity for said candidate and can be used to show real-time, accurate election results for that candidate.